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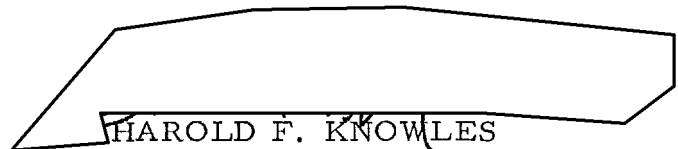
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

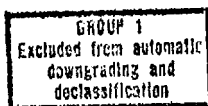
SUBJECT: U-2 Aircraft

1. This memorandum is forwarded for your information.
2. After a meeting today in Colonel Hartley's office on HAVE GLIB, Colonel Hartley expressed his opinion that the U-2 aircraft allotment was not compatible with the allocation of responsibilities. Specifically, he said that we should transfer one of our U-2 aircraft permanently to SAC.
3. Without trying to prolong a debate or to avoid any comment whatsoever, I replied that our mission was in fulfillment of our NRO responsibilities. Aside from the Cuba mission, all SAC operations were USAF and not NRO missions.
4. He said that Mr. Helms and Mr. Packard had discussed the U-2 situation at lunch, with the implication that a decision could be imminent. We are ready to discuss the variation of Option I, wherein we keep the NRO photographic mission with seven aircraft and USAF accepts the non-NRO missions with four aircraft. It appears that the time is ripening for your talk with the Director.

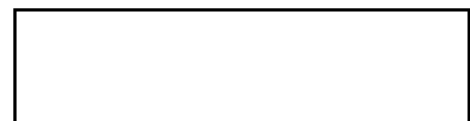


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